

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the first paragraph on page 8, line 14 of the Specification as follows:

The present application also describes a relational ~~modeller~~ modeler apparatus which, according to one embodiment, is adapted to translate a relational query from a software application requesting management information from a specified information source, to native protocol messages according to an access protocol associated with the information source, wherein said native protocol messages is handled as a transaction with the information source

Please amend the first paragraph on page 19, lines 6-7 of the Specification as follows:

Because management interfaces generally lack commonality between them, a management application typically hard-wires each of the interfaces into the application logic. The application (51) has one module (52a, 52b, and 52c) for each of the interfaces (55a, 55b, and 55c, respectively), with each interface possibly having multiple variants (53a, 53b, 54a, and 54b) depending on the vendors supported, as exemplarily depicted in Figure 5.

Please amend the paragraph on page 19, line 25 - page 20, line 1 of the Specification as follows:

The subject management tools address the issues regarding supporting management information sources in a multi-vendor, multi-management interfaces. The management information source (63a, 63b, and 63c) is modeled as a virtual relational database by the relational modeler 62. Management applications (61) map the information requests on this relational model, as shown in Figure 6.